

For the Farm.

A HOPEFUL FARMER.

Not every farmer is "blue," even in these hard times. Here is one—A. W. Thompson of Woodstock, who writes the New England Farmer thus cheerfully in regard to some things the farmer has to dispose of: "Everything the farmer has to sell brings the best of prices except horses and wool. Milk cows are a third higher than a year ago. There is a great call for them. A good cow is considered by many to be worth more than a horse. It is claimed Vermont leads all the other New England states in her number of cows, some 210,000, valued at nearly seven millions of dollars. Pork is worth seven cents a pound dressed, beef six cents a pound; hay \$12.00 a ton at the barn; eggs, 30 cents a dozen. It pays to keep hens when eggs bring 30 cents a dozen. There was a good crop of apples but the surplus has been sent off at \$2.00 a barrel."

DOES IT PAY TO RAISE HORSES?

This question was asked at the Farmers' institute in Michigan and the following statistics were presented in an answer:

According to the report of the secretary of agriculture for 1892 the average valuation was \$61.22. Would it be more profitable for farmers to raise horses than to raise milk cows with an average valuation of \$21.75, or oxen or other cattle that average \$15.24? In settling this question, the cost of breeding and length of time a horse must be kept must be considered. It may seem a little discouraging on account of the small demand for horses just now, and while the low price may be partly accounted for by the increase in the number of horses in 1893 over 1892, there are other causes for the low prices of horses. In 1893 there were 16,206,802 horses in the United States, being an increase of 708,662 over the previous year. The decrease in the average price of horses was \$3.79. This will make many quit raising colts, but it is a good rule to begin raising when others quit the business.

Iowa owes much of her prosperity to the sale of her horses, the average price of horses being \$61.34, the total valuation \$83,041,533. In Georgia the price is \$81.60, whole valuation \$8,562,208. In Kentucky the average is \$68.18, whole value, \$57,963,224. If the cotton states would buy more mares and less mules, and raise more horses, it would add wonderfully to the wealth of these states. While it is some bother to have a colt and work the mother at the same time, the profits would more than make up for the trouble.

VERMONT AND SHEEP.

Vermont has the largest average wool clip of any state. In 1890 it averaged 6.72 pounds per sheep. The next highest average was in New Hampshire, where sheep averaged 5.82 pounds per head in 1890. These high figures are the results of improving the American Merino, which will now produce a greater weight of scouring wool per hundred pounds of carcass than any other sheep ever held. The Merino sheep has in this country reached nearly perfection as a wool-bearing animal, but so many full-blooded rams have been shipped to Australia by Vermont and western New York breeders that very fine and even wools are now produced in that quarter of the world. Some fine wool sheep have been sent to South Africa, but there the climate has not proven so good for wool production as is that of Australia.—[American Cultivator.]

THE DAIRY COW.

There has been some controversy as to which is preferable in cows—breed or feed. I think feed will come out ahead in almost every case. Given the breed and feed both, it is where the most profit arises. It is a grand combination. But let not the man who is not able to buy thoroughbred cattle despair of success. Good feed is not wasted on cows which are innocent of pedigree. While there are cows with and without pedigrees which are incapable of being profitable in the dairy, there are plenty of cows of the despised "scrub" variety that are veritable gold mines. A bit of advice from one who has graded up from the common cows until nearly every animal in the herd is a graded Jersey or Guernsey. Do not be content with common native cows, even the best of them. Grade up. You will find the half-bloods far superior to the original stock, and by pursuing this course, in a few years you will have a herd which, as far as practical results are concerned, will be fully equal to the thoroughbred cows which perhaps you would not feel able to buy. But whether you have thoroughbred, grade, or native cows, feed and care for them in a proper manner, and they will not fail to pay good interest on the money invested.—[Country Gentleman.]

THIS AND THAT.

One Duty of the State.

If the people are compelled to get along from hand to mouth, to pinch and economize, to practice self-denial it is reasonable and just that their condition and capacity should be reflected in the conduct of the affairs of the commonwealth. If the individual citizen—of whatever grade or class—is poor, if even the rich man feels crippled in his resources—the state itself is in a similar condition; and if the individual citizen must retrench and economize, why should

not the state retrench and economize as well? * * * Many projects, therefore, however worthy and commendable in themselves—many most desirable improvements, which in prosperous times would seem to be indispensable necessities, must, under existing circumstances at least, be postponed.—[Gov. Greenhalge's Inaugural.]

A Business Probability.

There are two phases which the trade of 1894 will probably take: First, there will be a gradual improvement within certain limits, based upon actual and pressing necessities; the second and more uncertain phase is a general and rapid expansion of demand, based upon the sudden and well-grounded restoration of confidence, growing out of a satisfactory termination of tariff legislation. It is only necessary to consider what would be done if unsettling influences were removed, to understand the probable extent of this revival. The railroads in this alone would be within 90 days purchasers for equipment, material and supplies in immense quantities. There are enterprises by the hundreds which would be pushed at once, involving the expenditure of many millions.—[American Manufacturer.]

Too Much Dark Lantern.

Outside of the diplomatic matters it is well as a rule for the president and congress to avoid that air of mystery which has been thrown around all consideration of the important national issues thus far by our democratic friends. Their mistakes are sure to come out sooner or later, and the public in general will have much more respect for them if they come out manfully and above board, instead of sneaking around behind blocks and holding star chamber proceedings over every subject that they take in hand.—[Burlington Free Press.]

A Snag for the Income Tax.

A number of democratic congressmen are so outspoken in their condemnation of the income-tax proposition that even Professor Wilson must see there is grave doubt of passing such a measure through the house. Among those who denounce the latest plan of the free trade financiers are Messrs. Black, Compton, Cooch, Cummings and Sperry. Evidently they are prepared to fight with all their resources this most unpopular idea, and we doubt not that many of their party associates will join with them.—[N. Y. Tribune.]

Unpopular and Impractical.

In short, an income tax in the United States has been shown by experience to be unpopular and impractical. To attach this tax to the reform bill will be to render that measure also unpopular and to endanger its passage. This should be recognized at the outset, and the proposed legislation should be freed from an attachment which may prove fatal. No experiment with an income tax should be allowed to interfere with the enactment of the tariff reform which the people have decreed.

HARD TIMES IN NEW YORK.

The Paper Trade Journal quotes the following letter as an illustration of the hard times:—

New York, Jan. 16, 1894.
Mr. Jackie Einstein:

Dear Sir—We received your letter of 16th inst., mit route list and expense account.

Vat ve vant is orders. Ve hafte plenty of maps of New York State to make up route lists and bik families to make expenses.

Mr. Einstein, we find in your expense account an item, \$2.50 for billiards; please buy no more billiards for us; and also \$7.50 for horse and buggy; vere is de horse, and vat did you do mit de buggy?

We send you today by express two boxes cigars. The one cost \$1.40 you can smoke yourself, one cigar for each meal; the one at 90 cents you can give your customers.

We also send you samples of an article that cost \$7.50 per gross. Sell at \$7.25 a dozen. If you can't, take \$2.25. You might offer it as a novelty, as we hate got it only two years in stock. Do not date any more bills ahead, as the days are longer in summers than in winter.

Yours truly, X X X

"Jackie" must have smoked at least one of the cigars, for he has not been heard of since.

A CAB FARE DISPUTE.

At the Westminster Police-court, recently, Major-General Boutourline, Military Attache to the Russian Embassy, Chesham House, was summoned by George Padbury, a cabman, for £61, a disputed distance cab fare. The defendant did not attend the court, and it was understood that after service of the summons official representation was made to the Foreign-office as to the privilege attaching to foreign ambassadors. The cabman, an elderly man, entered the witness box to support his complaint, and Mr. Biron then addressed him: The summons against this gentleman which was granted to you has been served; but the fact has since been brought to our knowledge that Major-General Boutourline is in the service of the Russian Ambassador. You are probably not aware that in the seventh year of the reign of Queen Anne—that is in the 1708—an Act of Parliament was passed in consequence of the arrest of a Russian Ambassador which directs that no proceedings shall be taken against any foreign ambassador or his servant in our courts.—The cabman: I was not aware of it, sir. Mr. Biron: That statute goes on to say, "That this shall be taken and allowed in all courts within this kingdom as a public act, and that all judges and justices shall take

notice of it without special pleading. Therefore there is no necessity for any ambassador or member of his suite to formally claim the privilege. Consequently I have no power in this matter, and you cannot go on with your summons, which was issued from this court in ignorance of this gentleman's position. The money which you paid for the summons will be refunded." The cabman thanked his worship and got back the 2s. he had paid for his summons.

A DOG COMMITS SUICIDE.

Half a dozen boys amused themselves for an hour today violently chasing a dog owned by Ellis Hughes. The animal was first routed out of a warm bed in a sunny nook and driven into the road. Then the howling urchins started in pursuit of the yelping canine. It leaped fences and found itself finally in a strange back yard. Three minutes later two of the boys found the panting cur and shield a handful of stones at it. With a wistful and weary look the dog trotted away, crept out of the yard and was met by the other four boys with shiny clubs. A blow on one hind leg made him limp, but he pushed down an alley and around a stable. He sought refuge in a stall, but was stabbed by a pitchfork in the hands of a hostler, who thought the hot and breathless dog was mad. The fugitive yelped with pain and fled out the door.

He was driven then through alleys, streets, and by-paths, hit with clubs and stones, and at the end of an hour the tired brute sought his home. Life was very miserable to him. Then he deliberately poked his head between two fence pickets 18 inches from the ground and hanged himself. There the boys 10 minutes later found the dog's limp and lifeless body. He had committed suicide to escape their cruelty.—[Philadelphia Record.]

VERMONT MATTERS.

The Bellows Falls correspondent of the Brattleboro Phoenix hints that the Connecticut River Lumber Company's drive by that place this year will be very small—even if they start one at all; and the Fall Mountain Paper Company are cutting no logs at all this season either in Vermont or New Hampshire. Last year they cut about 4,000,000 feet of spruce logs.

Three justices of the peace of Worcester, in Washington county, have left town since their election, the town clerk and overseer of the poor have died, the sexton has refused to take his office, and one selectman resigned nearly a year ago. All these offices are still vacant and the board of civil authority consists of only three members.

In the United States Court at Brattleboro, Richard of Chelsea, for violation of the internal revenue law, was sentenced to 30 days in the Chelsea jail and to pay a fine of \$100. Chin Poy, for smuggling Chinamen, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay \$200 fine.

ALL SORTS.

It is said that the sudden expansion force exerted by water at the moment of freezing is probably as much as 30,000 pounds per square inch.

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Gov. Brown of Maryland asked the legislature of his state, in his annual message, to enact a law authorizing county authorities to set traps and vagabonds to work on the roads.

It Should Be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe" when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for lung trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottles at Flint Bros. drug store. Large bottles, 50¢ and \$1.00.

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